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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor: Hector Franco

For: CONSUMER PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION FOR NON-PUBLICATION  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached publication not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

Enclosed are the following documents:

- (X) A specification in 105 pages;
- (X) 54 sheets of formal drawings;
- (X) An initial signed declaration by the inventor;
- (X) A petition to make special under MPEP §708.02 IV based upon Applicant's age;
- (X) A check in the amount of \$355.00 to cover the filing fee; and
- (X) A Return prepaid postcard.

The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. The fees are calculated below:

| CLAIMS AS FILED  |                 |                 |       |       |
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| Basic Fee  |                 |                 | \$355 | \$355 |
| Total Claims   | 18 - 20 = 0     | 0 ×             | \$9   | \$0   |
| Independent Claims   | 3 - 3 = 0       | 0 ×             | \$40  | \$0   |
| If application contains any multiple dependent claims(s), then add |                 |                 | \$135 | \$0   |
| TOTAL FILING FEE   |                 |                 |       | \$355 |

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"**

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SYSTEM**

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I hereby certify that the accompanying

Transmittal in Duplicate; Specification in 105 pages; 54 sheets of formal drawings; **SIGNED** Declaration by Inventor in 2 pages; Petition to Make Special under MPEP §708.02 IV based upon Applicant's age; copy of drivers license; Check for Filing Fee; and Return Prepaid Postcard

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER MPEP §708.02 IV**  
**BASED UPON APPLICANT'S AGE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP § 708.02 IV, Applicant hereby requests that the above-referenced application be made special on the basis of the Applicant's age. The undersigned Applicant hereby declares and affirms that he was born on April 2, 1932 and is 68 years of age. Attached hereto is a copy of Applicant's driver's license as proof of his age.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 26, 2001

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